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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 10, 2006, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 10, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.